



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 15-21, 2012, as "National Volunteers Week"

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2012

PREPARED BY: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of proclamation proclaiming the week of April 15-21, 2012, as "National Volunteers Week."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: National Volunteers Week is a national event to recognize and celebrate the profound impact men and women who volunteer have on their community. One person can make a difference through volunteerism and in 2011 over 2,000 Lodians donated their valuable time to assist various City departments giving over 97,894 hours of service.

At the Public Library volunteers serve as Adult Literacy Services tutors, homework help tutors, Computer Learning Center coaches and instructors, general Library volunteers and teens can serve as liaisons on the Teen Advisory Council. In 2011, 130 volunteers donated 5,448 hours to the library.

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department has more than 900 volunteers who provide an estimated 44,220 hours of service annually with an estimated fiscal benefit of \$353,760. Volunteers serve with the Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports (BOBS), are coaches, umpires/referees, ushers at Hutchins Street Square, Senior Center volunteers and serve on various commissions.

The Animal Shelter PALS (People Assisting Lodi Shelter) was founded in 2004 to save the lives of abandoned dogs and cats. They assist animal shelter staff with office work, handle animal adoptions and promote animal care and spay/neuter through education. With a total of 75 volunteers PALS donated 15,393 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$329,000.

The Police Cadet Program offers local youths between the ages of 16 and 24 the opportunity to volunteer and gain valuable experience during their high school and college years. Thirteen cadets participate at the present time. Many of these young people end up with a full-time career in law enforcement. Cadets assist the department at special events, DUI checkpoints, and perform clerical duties in the Records Division.

The Police Chaplaincy Program was formed in February of 1994. There are currently six dedicated local clergy providing daily support and emergency response when needed. In 2011, chaplains donated 640 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$13,670.

The Police Partners Program has been in operation for 18 years, providing endless hours of service to the Lodi Police Department. In 2011, Partners donated 27,644 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$590,480. There are currently 106 Partners serving the Police Department.

APPROVED: _____


Konradt Bartlam, City Manager

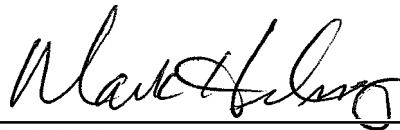
The Police Reserve Program has existed almost as long as the Police Department itself. Many full-time officers began as reserves, and many reserves have also gone on to work for a variety of state and federal agencies. There are currently four reserve officers volunteering their services in 2011, donating 118 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$3,894 annually.

The Public Works Department works with many volunteer groups who donate time to accomplish specific projects. Some of the projects include cleaning the granite surfaces in the Veterans Memorial Plaza; beautifying the corner of Cherokee Lane and Pine Street; repainting the picnic structure at Lodi Lake; alley cleanups; Storm Drain Detectives monitoring water quality; and a garbage pickup at Lodi Lake. In 2011, 150 Public Works volunteers donated 987 hours for an estimated fiscal benefit of over \$37,000.

A representative of the Police Department and Library will be present to accept the proclamation.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

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Mark Helms
Chief of Police

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